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Recognizing the importance of intersectionality for abortion access.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of intersectionality for abortion access.

Whereas 1 in 4 women in the United States will have an abortion before the age of 45;

Whereas approximately 22 million women and girls of reproductive age live in States where abortion is heavily restricted;

Whereas the most common reason to end a pregnancy is due to potential interference with education, work, or the ability to care for dependents;

Whereas nearly 50 percent of abortion patients have incomes below the poverty level;

Whereas women living in poverty have a rate of unintended pregnancy that is five times higher than those with middle-class or upper-class incomes;

Whereas unintended pregnancy remains the most common among poor women, women of color, and women without a high school education;

Whereas Black women are twice as likely to have an unintended pregnancy than White women;

Whereas Black women account for 38 percent of all abortions;

Whereas Black women founded the Reproductive Justice movement in 1994 to address the lack of intersectionality and racial justice in the existing abortion rights movement;

Whereas Black women are almost three times more likely than White women in the United States to die from childbirth;

Whereas the risk of dying in childbirth is 14 times higher than the risk of dying from a safe abortion;

Whereas the impacts of maternal mortality and increasing abortion restrictions are closely related to each other and both rooted in persistent structural racism and sexism;

Whereas LGBTQI+ individuals experience major disparities in abortion and reproductive care;

Whereas an estimated 16 percent of individuals having abortions do not identify as heterosexual women;

Whereas several hundred transgender and nonbinary individuals obtain abortions annually at facilities that do not provide gender-affirming health care;

Whereas abortion care and gender affirming care are both fundamental to the bodily autonomy of LGBTQI+ individuals;

Whereas the banning and restriction of abortion around the country has created abortion-provider deserts, where some providers can only offer medication abortion rather than both medication and surgical abortions;

Whereas medication abortion is the most common form of pregnancy termination and accounts for more than half of all abortions in the United States and increased access to abortions;

Whereas medication abortion is under threat by antiabortion advocates utilizing junk science; and

Whereas decisions from the Supreme Court and Federal district courts are threatening to the availability of abortions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes that women of lower socio-
3 economic standing face the greatest risk when abor-
4 tion is restricted;

5 (2) acknowledges that women of racial and eth-
6 nic minorities and particularly Black women are at
7 highest risk when abortion is restricted;

8 (3) acknowledges that surgical and medication
9 abortions are safe and any developments in science
10 that affect abortion care should be reviewed by sci-
11 entific and medical experts; and

1 (4) calls upon the Federal Government to pro-
2 tect the right to abortion across the country.